

## TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS,

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF DUNBARTON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1868.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR MARCH 1, 1868.

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|---|------------|
| DANIEL H. PARKER, to Town of Dunbarton,           | <i>Dr.</i> |
| To cash in the treasurer's hands, March 1st, 1867 | \$828 04   |
| Taxes assessed, March, April, 1867                | 2,497 86   |
| Amount of notes principal and interest            | 4,282 15   |
| Due on B. W. Lord's collection                    | 1,567 79   |
| Received savings bank tax dividend, 1867          | 308 52     |
| railroad           "       "       "              | 326 08     |
| literary fund, 1867                               | 35 70      |
| for sale of town property                         | 92 74      |
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|   | \$9,938 88 |

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|--|------------|
| By amount of notes in treasury, principal and interest | \$3,011 65 |
| paid in orders and receipts                            | 3,604 45   |
| Due on B. W. Lord's collection                         | 838 42     |
| Samuel Kimball's collection                            | 97 86      |
| Money in the treasury                                  | 2,386 50   |
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|  | \$9,938 88 |
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Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them correctly cast and duly vouched.

CHAS. G. B. RYDER, }  
 ISAAC P. CLIFFORD, } Auditors.  
 LEONARD ROWELL, }



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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|  |          |                   |
|--|----------|-------------------|
| Whole amount of taxes committed to collector<br>for collection |          | \$6,580 09        |
| State tax for 1867   | 2,231 25 |                   |
| County tax for 1867  | 900 48   |                   |
| School money for 1867  | 1,000 00 |                   |
| Amount assessed to defray town charges                         | 2,369 38 |                   |
| Non-resident highway tax                                       | 78 48    |                   |
| Amount of dog tax  | 50 00    |                   |
|  |          | <u>\$6,580 09</u> |
| Amount of notes against the town                               |          | \$17,152 00       |
| Interest due on the above                                      |          | <u>605,00</u>     |

### ORDERS GIVEN BY THE SELECTMEN

*For the year ending March 1, 1868.*

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Henry M. Putney, for services as moderator two years                                     | 4 00  |
| Henry Johnson, for services as selectman and printing<br>town reports                    | 72 35 |
| Thomas Johnson, as auditor   | 3 00  |
| Gilbert B. French, for services as town clerk, con-<br>stable and tolling bell           | 23 00 |
| Charles G. B. Ryder, for services as superintending<br>school committee and auditor      | 53 00 |
| James W. Colby, service as selectman   | 45 75 |
| Lewis W. Wilson, for under-draining graveyard  | 72 25 |
| Roger Tappan for services, as surveyor   | 1 75  |
| N athaniel . Wheeler, for money paid for advertising<br>town property and other expenses | 26 50 |

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Oliver Bailey, for services as committee for selling town property   | 9 50     |
| Charles Stinson, for services as committee for selling town property | 8 25     |
| Nath'l Wheeler, for services as committee for selling town property  | 13 50    |
| H. L. Burnham for furnishing water on the highway                    | 2 00     |
| J. M. Colby, for furnishing water " "                                | 2 00     |
| A. Saunders, " " " " " "   | 2 00     |
| G. A. Perkins, for labor on highway                                  | 2 00     |
| Enoch P. Marshall for services as selectman                          | 101 55   |
| " " " to pay town notes  | 100 00   |
| " " " " " "  | 276 53   |
| " " " " " "  | 200 00   |
| " " " " " "  | 1,000 00 |
| " " " " " "  | 100 00   |
| " " " " " "  | 50 00    |
| " " " " " "  | 393 50   |
| Charles Brown, for making gate for graveyard and digging grave       | 8 50     |
| John McHammond, furnishing water on highway three years              | 3 00     |
| J. Q. Perley, over tax   | 80       |
| Wm. Stevens, for taking care of Simon Flanders                       | 3 00     |
| J. C. Mills, for furnishing water on highway                         | 3 00     |
| Calvin Martin, over tax  | 80       |
| E. P. Marshall, to pay for supporting paupers                        | 100 00   |
| J. O. Merrill, for bridge plank                                      | 6 30     |
| Jonathan Colby, for taking care of town house                        | 4 00     |
| Abatement on B. W. Lord's collection                                 | 36 96    |
| Moses Hadley, for damage done to sheep by dogs                       | 15 00    |

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## BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN.

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Daniel H. Parker, for services as town treasurer                | 12 00 |
| C. G. B. Ryder, for services as auditor                         | 1 50  |
| Leonard Rowell, " " "   | 1 50  |
| Isaac P. Clifford, " " "  | 1 50  |
| George I. Bard, for services as superintending school committee | 50 00 |
| Gilbert B. French, for services as town clerk                   | 20 00 |
| Enoch P. Marshall, for services as selectman                    | 94 75 |
| James W. Colby, " " "   | 64 75 |
| Moses W. Woodbury, " " "  | 33 00 |
| Samuel Kimball, for collecting taxes                            | 70 00 |

## EXPENSE OF SUPPORTING THE POOR.

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| For the support of the Webber family | 202 30       |
| For Jonas Jameson's family           | 78 07        |
| For Calvin Merrill's family          | 52 80        |
| For Simon Flanders                   | 7 50         |
| Paid New Boston                      | 151 24       |
| <b>Due for use of Webber pasture</b> | <b>71 00</b> |

## TOWN OF DUNBARTON TO ENOCH P. MARSHALL

*For services as Selectman in 1867.**Dr.*

|   |      |
|---|------|
| March 25, 1 day at Concord on pauper business     | 1 50 |
| April 6, 5 days taking inventory                  | 7 50 |
| 4, 1 day at Concord with state auditor            | 1 50 |
| 13, 5 days making taxes                           | 7 50 |
| 22, 2 days attending court                        | 3 00 |
| 24, 1 day at New Boston, settling pauper accounts | 2 00 |
| 25, 1 day making school-house tax                 | 1 50 |
| 27, 1 day making appointments                     | 1 50 |
| 30, 1 day distributing surveyors' warrants        | 1 50 |
| 30, 1 day at Concord attending court              | 1 50 |



|       |     |   |       |
|-------|-----|---|-------|
| May   | 16, | 1 day at Concord on pauper business           | 1 50  |
|       | 23, | 1 day at Concord with the State Treasurer     | 1 50  |
| June  | 4,  | 1 day at Concord for counsel                  | 1 50  |
| Aug.  | 17, | 1 day at Concord concerning U. S. bounty      | 1 50  |
|       | 31, | 1 day at New Boston settling pauper accounts  | 2 00  |
| Sept. | 2,  | 1 day at Concord concerning Miss Gile's case  | 1 50  |
|       | 9,  | 1 day at Concord concerning Miss Gile's case  | 1 50  |
|       | 11, | 1 day appointing committee on graveyard       | 1 50  |
|       | 14, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing juror               | 75    |
|       | 18, | 1 day at Concord on road business             | 1 50  |
|       | 30, | 1 day at graveyard                            | 1 50  |
| Oct.  |     | 2 days attending court                        | 4 00  |
| Nov.  | 5,  | 1 day perambulating town lines                | 1 50  |
|       | 23, | 1 1-2 day preambulating town lines            | 3 00  |
| Dec.  | 4,  | 1 day settling with State Treasurer           | 1 50  |
|       | 17, | 1-2 day regulating juror box                  | 75    |
| 1868. |     |   |       |
| Jan.  | 22, | 1 day at Concord attending court              | 2 00  |
| Feb.  | 6,  | 1 day at court                                | 2 00  |
|       | 21, | 1 day making check list and warrant           | 1 50  |
|       |     | Time spent hiring money and paying town debts | 10 00 |
|       |     | Time spent providing for paupers              | 15 00 |
|       |     | Recording taxes                               | 3 00  |
|       | 29, | 2 days making town report                     | 3 00  |
| March | 2,  | 1 day making town report                      | 1 50  |
|       | 7,  | 1-2 day correcting check list                 | 75    |

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## TOWN OF DUNBARTON TO JAMES W. COLBY

| <i>For services as Selectman in 1867,</i> |  | <i>Dr.</i>     |
|---|--|----------------|
| April                                     | 6, 5 days taking inventory   | 7 50           |
|   | 13, 5 days making taxes  | 7 50           |
|   | 26, distributing surveyors' warrants   | 1 50           |
|   | 27, 1 day making appointments  | 1 50           |
| May                                       | 17, at New Boston on pauper business   | 2 00           |
| Aug.                                      | 1, 1-2 day on pauper business  | 75             |
| Sept.                                     | 7, 1-2 day appointing committee to under-<br>drain the graveyard at the Center | 75             |
|   | 14, drawing jurors   | 75             |
| Nov.                                      | 15, 1 day perambulating town lines   | 1 50           |
|   | 15, 1-2 day on pauper business   | 75             |
|   | 17, going to New Boston for corpse of Richard<br>Merrill                       | 3 00           |
|   | 23, perambulating line between Weare and<br>Dunbarton                          | 2 00           |
| Dec.                                      | 17, regulating juror box and drawing jurors                                    | 75             |
| 1868.                                     |  | .              |
| Jan.                                      | 1, 1-2 day on road business  | 75             |
| Feb.                                      | 11, at New Boston on pauper business   | 1 00           |
|   | 15, at Manchester to pay interest on note                                      | 1 50           |
|   | 21, making check list and warrant  | 1 50           |
|   | 29, 2 days making town report  | 3 00           |
| March                                     | 3, 1 day at Manchester to get reports printed<br>for printing reports          | 1 50<br>22 00  |
|   | 7, 1-2 day correcting check list   | 75             |
|   | 9, 1 day to Manchester to get reports  | 1 50           |
|   |  | <u>\$64 75</u> |



## TOWN OF DUNBARTON TO MOSES W. WOODBURY

*For services as Selectman in 1857.**Dr.*

|       |   |         |
|-------|---|---------|
| April | 6, 5 days taking inventory                                | 7 50    |
|       | 12, 5 days making taxes                                   | 7 50    |
|       | 26, 1-2 day at Goffstown on pauper business               | 75      |
|       | 27, 1 day on town business                                | 1 50    |
| May   | 2, 1 day at New Boston on pauper business                 | 1 50    |
|       | expenses moving paupers                                   | 5 00    |
|       | 18, 1 day at Bow on pauper business                       | 1 50    |
| June  | 28, Drawing plank for bridge                              | 1 00    |
| Sept. | 7, 1-2 day appointing committee to drain the<br>graveyard | 75      |
| Nov.  | 5, 1 day dreambulating town lines                         | 1 50    |
| Jan.  | 1, 1-2 day on road business                               | 75      |
| Feb.  | 21, 1 day making out warrants and check list              |         |
|       | 28, 1 day making town report                              | 1 50    |
| March | 7, 1-2 day correcting check list                          | 75      |
|       |   | <hr/>   |
|       |   | \$33 00 |
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ENOCH P. MARSHALL, } Selectmen  
 JAMES W. COLBY, } of  
 MOSES W. WOODBURY, } Dunbarton.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN:

The evils of a faulty educational training are far reaching; yet the apostle of educational reforms has not yet got the ear of the people. But what can an American voter be thinking about? Children in republics are kings in small clothes; they need the same educational care as the Prince of Wales, or Napoleon's son. Every American boy is going to hold great histories or destinies between his thumb and fore-finger: In a Republic, a citizen-voter is a king with a scepter.

But the common school graduates the citizen. Only a small minority find the higher schools; but the college can never wholly correct the mistakes of the district school. It is the district school must graduate an M. C.; that is, master of citizenship. The great question is, can it be made to graduate a better? Chief Justice Story once said: "We stand the latest, and if we fail, probably the last experiment of self-government by the people." And gentlemen, the free school and free ballot are put at stake together. Educational reform must supply an important factor for our political perpetuity and political perfection. In Sparta, the child was born for the state, suckled and reared for the state, was thrown to the wolves of Taygetus if an unlikely candidate for citizenship. This made Sparta, Sparta: shall less than Spartan vigilance be exercised upon the education of an American child? Certainly, the matter of educational reform is one which the best brain and

best blood of the commonwealth must grapple with. A brief report can but touch the matter slightly. Will the townsmen meet and discuss it?

OUR question is, gentlemen, How shall the schools of sparsely settled towns be brought to a higher standard? Plainly, by a reconstruction of districts. Skilled instructors can neither be engaged or paid in scarcely one of our eleven districts; but a garden needs as much sunshine as a five-acre lot. Nos. 1, 2, or 9, needs as good instruction as any school in Concord or Boston. Can it be had? Not until the towns have one or a few central schools, and citizens will sustain the labor and expense which would result. In one town in the state a Town Teacher's Society is formed, for the express purpose of bringing about the re-distribution of the town territory.

Till the child can be put under a mature man, professionally taught to teach, one thing *must* be had,—perpetual parental vigilance upon the school. Not for captious intermeddling, but for honestly completing the school influence or correcting it. A reflective father is a farther-seeing man than a youth of fifteen or eighteen summers can be. How can he wholly give up this future citizen to an immature teacher for so large a fraction of so many days?

The Normal School is a great want of the state. In present lack of it Town Institutes should be held. The State Superintendent is of opinion these will be presently provided for. Till they are, if the terms could be arranged, and candidates be required to attend, I would undertake such, to the best of my ability, in the months say of April and November. I cannot hold myself responsible for your teachers until some such arrangements are made. Here let me say, candidates must be licensed before their term begins. The Prudential Committee should himself hear the examination.

In discharge of my duties, I have visited the schools, as by law required; have aimed to communicate hints and supervise the gen-



eral method, rather than espy some small details from a column in a school register. I confess myself unable to make any dignified distinction touching the details of the schools, and shall report quite briefly.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

SUMMER TERM. — Miss Nancy Richards possesses the characteristics of a successful disciplinarian; should extend her scholarship and fit herself for higher usefulness. This school, though not advanced, showed an interest and industry nowhere excelled.

WINTER TERM. — Mr. J. C. Hammond gave himself earnestly to the work, and of course awakened interest. Children taught the courtesy of rising to salute a stranger. I observed in teacher and scholar a tendency to the old school-room *tone*: this should be remedied.

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.

SUMMER TERM. — Miss Sarah A. Stinsen, by prior knowledge of the school, and by her qualifications otherwise, made attendance a decided advantage. The only disadvantage in continuing the same teacher in a school is that discipline is by and by more likely to be relaxed.

WINTER TERM. — Miss Fannie L. Burnham brought superior scholarship and a conscientious painstaking to her work; the results of which were apparent in the examination. My impressions are, from observing both terms, that the discipline of the school needs to be taken hold of with a more vigorous and vigilant care. In discipline, as in instruction, care is sometime too minutely taken. There is an oversight which takes broad, generous reach, and succeeds better,

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

SUMMER AND WINTER TERMS. — Miss Margarette C. Holmes is a teacher of superior qualifications for instruction and management; no school appeared to greater advantage. The effort to reinstate mental arithmetic, and bring back the lost star, Colburn, pleased me much. Nothing can compensate for the lack of this.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

SUMMER TERM. — Miss Fannie L. Burnham. Report materially the same as No. 2, winter term.

WINTER TERM. — Miss Louise Parker. A term keeping pace with that of the summer. I suggest what might be inserted in numerous other connections, that a constant, rapid, vivacious manner — a very trip-hammer style — is generally needed, to keep everything up to a maximum of interest.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

SUMMER TERM. — Miss Carrie R. Roberts. This school has good mind in it, and should have good mind over it. Miss R. taught with a conscientious purpose, but lacked qualifications in scholarship and discipline to make a success. This district needs a new school house. All the districts need outline maps, and globes, and clocks, and thermometers, and a dictionary; but my judgment is, adjourn local improvements till you are satisfied that no better running of district lines is possible. Spare no expense to procure the best of teachers, and work on a few years.

WINTER TERM. — Miss Celestia C. Hoyt made a decided advance on the summer term. Much interest was awakened and advancement made. Miss H. has, perhaps, made herself more progress toward right teaching during this past year than any oth-

er teacher, she should be trained now in a professional school: as indeed, many of our better teachers.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

SUMMER TERM.—Mrs. Mary J. Wheeler Page, for gallant behavior in the presence of the enemy, has been promoted: the Home is before and more than the School.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Lucy S. Currier. A teacher of superior executive ability, giving the school a very favorable appearance: term not yet closed: altogether too long, as was evident from the examination. Children, if not teacher, became over wearied.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

SUMMER AND WINTER TERMS.—Miss Marianne Waite. Justly ranked as a superior teacher, having superior minds under her. She should now attend the professional school, and keep pace with the advanced methods. Physical Geography was introduced, meeting a decided want.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Rebecca A. Merrill. Not a school, but an instance of private tutorship. Attendance 4 1-2! Miss M. is an excellent scholar, but really has not yet been tried in a school. My impressions were good.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Sarah J. Kimball. School began without examination of teacher.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Mary E. Page. An instance like No.



8 ; attendance not reported, but five, perhaps. The instruction of the school considerably at fault.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. Freeman Putney made a marked advance on the summer term ; has the qualifications for instructing large and advanced scholars.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Nettie L. Mills, an advanced scholar ; has a prompt, decided manner, and with experience will make an excellent teacher. Examinations must be rapid, wide-awake to interest the people.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. Alvin Hadley. A number one teacher in District No. 10 : carries a solicitous heart, a filled head, and a firm hand ; in a short term does more than most in a long one. Conducted evening instruction and awakened enthusiasm.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11.

Miss Hoyt with Miss Waite's pupils. She and they doing well together, as numerous spectators bear witness.

## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| No. of district. | TEACHERS.             | No. of weeks.    | Wages per month. | No. of pupils. | Average attendance. | Instances of tardiness. | Instances of dismissal. | Not absent half day. | Visits by prudential com. | By citizens and others. |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1                | Nancy Richards.       | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  | \$12 00          | 15             | 12                  | 14                      | 0                       | 3                    | 2                         | 2                       |
|                  | John C. Hammond.      | 5                | 20 00            | 16             | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$    | 23                      | 1                       | 5                    | 3                         | 19                      |
| 2                | Sarah A. Stinson.     | 15               | 13 00            | 39             | 30                  | 192                     | 33                      | 6                    | 0                         | 19                      |
|                  | Fannie L. Burnham.    | 15               | 24 00            | 37             | 31                  | 73                      | 99                      | 4                    | 1                         | 36                      |
| 3                | Margarette C. Holmes. | 10               | 13 00            | 16             | 14                  | 25                      | 8                       | 2                    | 1                         | 20                      |
|                  | Margarette C. Holmes. | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 16 00            | 15             | 14                  | 30                      | 10                      | 1                    | 0                         | 22                      |
| 4                | Fannie Burnham.       | 12               | 12 00            | 14             | 12                  | 29                      | 17                      | 4                    | 0                         | 27                      |
|                  | Louise Parker.        | 14               | 22 00            | 23             | 21                  |                         | 18                      | 2                    | 2                         | 30                      |
| 5                | Carrie R. Roberts.    | 7                | 11 00            | 17             | 14                  | 0                       | 2                       | 0                    | 1                         | 19                      |
|                  | Celestia C. Hoyt.     | 11               | 14 00            | 14             | 12                  | 33                      | 6                       | 6                    | 0                         | 31                      |
| 6                | Mary J. Wheeler.      | 15               | 12 00            | 17             | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$    | 51                      | 0                       | 1                    | 0                         | 36                      |
|                  | Lucy S. Carrier.      |                  | 13 00            | 24             |                     |                         |                         |                      |                           | 39                      |
| 7                | Marianne Waite.       | 8                | 12 00            | 16             | 13                  | 36                      | 4                       | 3                    | 0                         | 24                      |
|                  | Marianne Waite.       | 8                | 24 00            | 18             | 15                  | 20                      | 2                       | 3                    | 0                         | 18                      |
| 8                | Rebecca A. Merrill.   | 10               | 10 00            | 5              | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$     | 1                       | 0                       | 0                    | 0                         | 27                      |
|                  | Sarah J. Kimball.     | 10               | 20 00            | 9              | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$     | 13                      | 6                       | 0                    | 0                         | 25                      |
| 9                | Mary E. Page.         | 6                | 12 00            |                |                     | 6                       | 0                       | 0                    | 0                         | 10                      |
|                  | Freeman Putney.       | 8                | 25 00            | 9              | 8 $\frac{1}{4}$     | 9                       | 5                       | 0                    |                           | 2                       |
| 10               | Nettie L. Mills.      | 8                | 10 00            | 18             | 16                  | 1                       | 33                      | 1                    | 0                         | 17                      |
|                  | Alvin Hadley.         | 8                | 25 00            | 24             | 21                  | 150                     | 18                      | 4                    | 1                         | 8                       |
| 11               | Celestia C. Hoyt.     | 8                | 12 00            | 22             | 18                  | 44                      | 15                      | 6                    | 0                         | 30                      |
|                  | Celestia C. Hoyt.     | 7                | 16 00 00         | 17             | 15                  | 13                      | 5                       | 3                    | 1                         | 27                      |